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~~Summary of the invention~~

Abstract

The present invention relates to formulations for topical applications comprising pigments obtainable by agitating a suspension comprising one or more inorganic pigments and silver oxide, in order to reduce undesirable side effects caused by microorganisms. The pigment particles are prepared by agitating the suspension of inorganic pigments with silver oxide at a temperature between 10°C and 60°C.